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Chief, Admin Staff

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Chief, Analysis Group

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2 July 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

FROM: [redacted]
Acting Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - June 1987

I. GENERAL

A. The largest turnover in years for bureau management and editors was largely completed by 27 June: Bureau Chief [redacted] departed 20 June for a brief Washington visit before reporting to Harvard University, administrative officer [redacted] departed 27 June for Headquarters, chief editor [redacted] and bureau secretary [redacted] departed 13 June for home leave and PCS to Bangkok Bureau as deputy chief, senior editor [redacted] departed 20 June for home leave before reporting to Seoul Bureau as new deputy chief, and editor [redacted] departed 24 June for Headquarters and DRD. Replacements arriving were chief editor [redacted] on 5 June, and editors [redacted] on 12 June. Headquarters sent Production Group/NEAD's deputy chief [redacted] to help out for 40 days until 5 August, arriving 27 June, since neither the new bureau chief nor admin officer replacements will arrive until late August and September.

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B. Seven inches of monsoon rain poured down on Japanese anti-U.S. military base demonstrators on Sunday, 21 June, as they formed "Hands Around Kadena" or "Ring Around Kadena" in symbolic surrounding of Kadena AFB. The entirely peaceful, wet and even amiable demonstration drew fewer than 18,000 participants, according to the police and the U.S. Consulate General, although organizers claimed over 25,000. They linked hands three times between 1 and 2 p.m., momentarily blocking base gates, and left behind yellow and green streamers festooning base fences. Both Beijing and Moscow media took note of the demonstration. There were no incidents, even though this was one of the largest and most unusual anti-base demonstrations in many years.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Hong Kong Bureau assumed coverage of Beijing television from Okinawa for 8 days from 8-15 June, when we were obliged to shut down our 10-meter ROSET dish for only the second time since it was built in 1981.

Major mechanical overhaul included replacing drive gears, bearings, and a major support pin on the azimuth jack screw that had broken in two places. Fortunately, we monitored earlier an unusual 45-minute televised session of the PRC State Council on 6 June, devoted to severe criticism and firing of China's forestry minister. Good footage of PRC leaders and interruptions by Bo Yibo was included in the transmission.

2. Moscow TV's "Studio 9," a major commentary program Okinawa has long covered because of our 8-hour time advantage over LD/BBC's repeat, apparently has changed both its frequency and focus. Carried only once per month before, usually on Saturdays, Studio 9 now is carried twice monthly and appears to be timed to address major topics such as the Warsaw Pact meeting in Berlin, President Reagan's Berlin Wall speech, and U.S.-Soviet relations. We monitored three Studio 9's in only 20 days in late May and early June, and another was scheduled for July 4th.

3. Okinawa was on standby alert for Korean coverage most of June, and did full backstop recording and printing of Seoul's coverage on the 27-29 June weekend when new demonstrations and riots threatened. Backstop emergency coverage SOP's were revised in late May and early June. We have been selecting and filing generously from Japanese media coverage of the ROK's political conflict, despite reduced staffing for leave and unusual coverage of Prime Minister Nakasone's televised press conferences after the Venice economic summit on 10 June.

4. Two Chinese monitors confirmed their resignations: [] in late August, and [] in late September. One replacement, [] entered on duty 20 June to begin training, and we are processing two more applicants to EOD by early fall.

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B. Cruising

Despite 8 days of ROSET downtime, complete daily schedules of Beijing radio satellite services were checked on China's 103 East STW-2 satellite, and satellite press agencies on the 108 E Palapa and 60 E Intelsat were updated. Frequency lists were updated for all FBIS Asian bureau emergency backstop coverage, with emphasis on Seoul. We are inquiring into the kinds of television reporting to be offered by NHK, on a new KU-band satellite direct broadcast service starting in early July, to determine if this service may offer sufficient original and unique reporting by Japanese correspondents to merit acquiring a KU-band dish and equipment from local vendors.

C. Communications

Engineers spent considerable time testing our Mode V and Mode I Autodin circuits to determine the cause of intermittent, recurring heavy garbling that has affected primarily our secure communications channel on Mode V. Although results are not yet definitive, it appears that weather-related causes may at times affect at least the Mode V, which uses tropospheric scatter links.

D. Technical

All techs devoted full time to overhauling the ROSET dish 8-15 June, the job requiring working under a canopy in a down pour to remove a broken and stubborn pin with various drills, hammers, cutting torch, and everything but dynamite. Aside from replacing internal gears, bearings and seals, the azimuth cover pipe, badly corroded in Okinawa's salt air over 6 years, was regalvanized and all housings were rustproofed. Renovation of the bureau generator plant to provide better safeguards was near completion with installation of a protective interior fence around high-voltage areas, and a new cooling fan and duct.

E. Lateral Services

On-island U.S. Marines visitors who were briefed on bureau operations and FBIS services requested Moscow TV VSL's for "I serve the Soviet Union" and Pyongyang TV to the Second, Third and Fourth battalions of the 12th Marine Regiment, Third Marine Division, as well as the JPRS Southeast Asia Report by APO mail.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Vietnamese senior monitor [] who retires on 4 July after nearly 28 1/2 years of FBIS service and over 30 total with the U.S. Government in Saigon and Okinawa, was presented the FBIS Career Medal and a commendation letter from D/FBIS in bureau ceremonies on 26 June. A recent photo of [] at work is attached to the original of this report.

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2. Chinese monitor [] was promoted to FBN-9 and trainee monitor [] to monitor FBN-8 after only 9 months on duty, on recommendation of the bureau FBN evaluation/promotion panel on 10 June.

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3. Master Labor Contract employee [] was presented an MLC superior performance award with cash emolument on 18 June for his work as an FBIS main radio watch officer; retiring watch officer [] was presented with a retirement commendation for his 28 years of FBIS service at a 12 June pig-roast picnic organized by MLC employees at the FBIS playground.

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4. Engineer interviews for a main radio watch officer in late June chose [] as a retirement replacement MLC employee. He will EOD in early July, and has former experience with the Naha Airport communications unit.

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5. [] returned to Okinawa 12 June after emergency visitation travel to Texas because of the death of [] father.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The concrete roof was poured and completed on the new FBIS 3-bedroom duplex replacing our old quonset hut, and contractors are closing in the building and proceeding to interior finish work. Completion deadline remains 8 September, but subject to some delays. We await final plans for refurbishing of 16 GSWK tin-roof houses, expected in July, and the start of refurbishing on 4-bedroom houses that has been delayed by nonreceipt of imported building materials.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Sergeant Seybert, Second Battalion, 12th Marines Regiment, on 9 June for orientation briefing; Captain Goode and Master Sergeant Rogers, same Marine regiment, Third and Fourth battalions, for briefing and lateral service request discussions; new administrative Counselor Thomas W. Callow, of U.S. Consul General, Naha, on 25 June for orientation tour and to borrow an FBIS pager for Consulate use after theirs was mistakenly packed in surface HHE of the departing vice consul, Frank Davenport.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Russian Unit chief [redacted] a longtime SCUBA diver/instructor, was commended by a U.S. Air Force captain who observed [redacted] role in assisting a woman diver at nearby Maeda Point on 20 June when she suffered an air embolism. [redacted] at Maeda for a dive himself, assisted the victim correctly, insured that the WestPac Rescue Coordination Center of the Air Force had been notified, and supervised the moving and transport of the victim to the hospital. The Kadena Flight Surgeon, Lt. Col. Schacht, said [redacted] actions "may have saved the life" of the victim and "definitely reduced the severity of injury from a severe embolism."

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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,239,080
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	580,400
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,707

 II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
 (minutes or issues per week)

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
21,855 min.	20,700 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

1,650

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in
English

Beijing International Service to North America in
English

2,290

Beijing International Service in
Japanese

3,050

Beijing International Service in
Mandarin

Beijing to Taiwan in
Mandarin

440

Beijing to the USSR in
Russian

8,530

Beijing to Vietnam in
Vietnamese

1,690

Beijing Domestic Service in
Mandarin

11,250

Beijing Television Service in
Mandarin

4,630

Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in
Mandarin

2,140

Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in
Mandarin

1,780

Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in
Mandarin

2,870

Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in
Mandarin

4,290

Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in
Mandarin

6,430

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	4,370		
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			11,560
Beijing XINHUA in English		548,220	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		139,820	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			11,700
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			2,170
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			17,670
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			16,980
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			---
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,520
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			2,140
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	1,860		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	270		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	9,220		
Tokyo JPS in English		5,000	
Tokyo KYODO in English		169,190	
Tokyo JLI in English		2,890	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,360
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			11,870
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			2,610
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			8,630

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,980
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,540
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,220
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			16,740
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			11,630
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			340
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,950
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			1,950
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			650
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		2,040	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		620	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		18,480	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	7,020		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,070		
Taipei CNA in English		18,870	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			6,830
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			1,170
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			1,290

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			300
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	3,650		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	520		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	4,670		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,010		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	110		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	30,720		
Khabarovsk Domestic Service in Russian	430		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		55,920	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	